GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4804
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2002
BIJAPUR-UGAR RAIL LINE
K.H. MUNIYAPPA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the preliminary survey/alignment work on the Bijapur-Ugar rail link has been completed;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) the expenditure incurred thereon;

(d) whether connecting Bijapur with Ugar will shorten the distance and travel time for travellers from Goa to Howrah; and

(e) the time by which the work on the said project is likely to be started and completed alongwith the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4804 BY SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.12.2002 REGARDING BIJAPUR-UGAR RAIL LINE

(a) to (c): No such survey work has been undertaken. However, a survey for a new BG line between Bijapur and Shedbal via Athani in the vicinity of the suggested line was conducted in 2000-2001. As per the results of the survey, cost of the 112.40 km. long line had been assessed as Rs. 213.85 cr at the then prevailing price level with a rate of return of 1.03%. In view of the grossly unremunerative nature of the project coupled with the severe resource constraints, the proposal could not be taken up for consideration. An expenditure of Rs. 5.40 lakh has been incurred on this survey.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.